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SUBJECT: BRUNO FRIEDRICH VISIT TO WASHINGTON --
SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

REF: STATE 107367 (REPEAT OF BONN 7712)

1. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION (PARA 6 OF REFTEL) THAT BRUNO FRIEDRICH HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH POLICY LEVEL U.S. OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS FUTURE PORTUGUESE FINANCIAL NEEDS. EVEN THOUGH GOP IS INITIATING AN IMF-APPROVED STABILIZATION PROGRAM, PORTUGAL'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS WILL BE CONSIDERABLE OVER THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS. WE AND OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES MAY HAVE TO CONTINUE OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT PORTUGAL SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOMES THESE DIFFICULTIES AND CONSOLIDATES ITS DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

2. WE STRONGLY PREFER, HOWEVER, THAT EUROPE TAKE THE LEAD ON THIS ISSUE. ENGAGING FRIEDRICH IN THE RECOMMENDED DISCUSSION, WITHOUT GIVING ANY USG COMMITMENT, MAY HELP ENCOURAGE THE GERMANS TO EXERCISE SUCH LEADERSHIP.

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